

Amendments to the specification:

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

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It is to be noted that the above reference numerals are indicated by the reference numerals corresponding to the mobile node 300_1. Also, hereinafter, occasionally the reference numerals of the mobile node identifiers, the tunnel multiplexing numbers, the IP addresses of the external routers for the tunnels, the tunnel establishment/update times, the tunnel lifetimes, and the option information corresponding to the mobile nodes 300_1-300_n are respectively represented by reference numerals ~~51, 52, 53, 54, 55, and 56~~ 51_1 - 51_n, 52_1 - 52_n, 53_1 - 53_n, 54_1 - 54_n, 55_1 - 55_n, and 56_1 - 56_n.